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LORD HUNTINGFORD, Governor of Victoria, in an Anson of the City of Melbourne Squadron, of which he is the Honorary Air Commodore.

Director of Medical Services

AIR Commodore Albert Victor John Richardson, C.B., O.B.E., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., K.H.S., is appointed Director of Royal Air Force Medical Services, Air Ministry, on March 1, *vice* Air Vice-Marshal Sir Alfred W. Iredell, K.B.E., C.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., K.H.P., who retires on that date.

Air Comdre. A. V. J. Richardson was commissioned in the Royal Navy as a Surgeon in 1908, and in 1914 attained the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander. In October, 1918, he became a temporary Major in the Medical Branch of the Royal Air Force, and in the following August was granted a permanent commission with the rank of Wing Commander. During the Great War Air Comdre. Richardson served in France with the Royal Naval Air Service, and for his distinguished services received the O.B.E. Since July, 1936, he has been Principal Medical Officer at Headquarters, Bomber Command. He received the C.B. in the Birthday Honours List, 1937. He was promoted to Group Captain in 1927, and to his present rank in 1934, and since March, 1935, has been Honorary Surgeon to the King.

New Air Vice-Marshals

THE following are brief accounts of the careers of the four new Air Vice-Marshals who were promoted to that rank on January 1:—

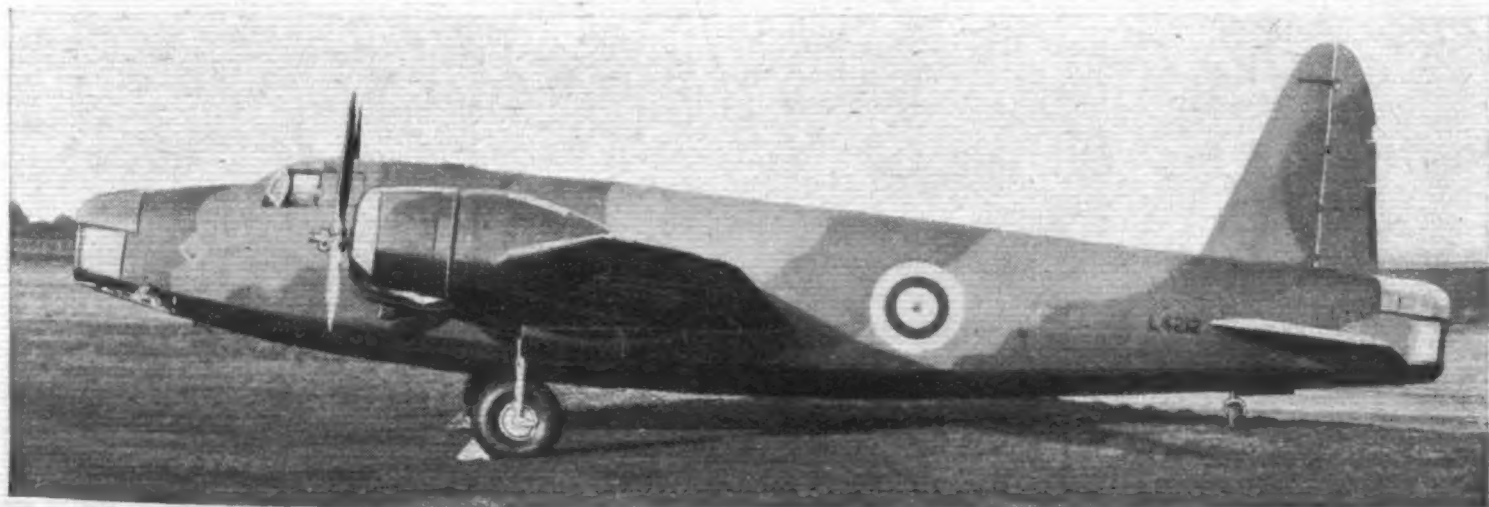
Air Commodore J. S. T. Bradley was first appointed to a commission in the Army in 1914 and in August, 1918, was specially employed in the R.A.F. with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In September, 1919, he was granted a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force and afterwards was employed at Headquarters, Inland Area, until given command of No. 14 Squadron in December, 1921. From January, 1924, until November, 1925, Air Comdre. Bradley was in Iraq. He was appointed to Headquarters, A.D.G.B., in March, 1926, and was promoted to Wing Commander in the following July. He commanded Station Headquarters, Northolt, between March, 1930, and January, 1931, and was promoted to Group Captain in July, 1931. He attended a course at the Imperial Defence College throughout 1934. Since January, 1935, he has held the appointment of Director of Equipment at the Air Ministry, and was promoted to the rank of Air Commodore in July,

1935. For his services during the war he was awarded the O.B.E.

Air Commodore W. S. Douglas entered the Army from Oxford University in 1914 and, whilst serving in France, was attached to the R.F.C. in January, 1915. He graduated as a pilot the following July and later commanded Nos. 43 and 84 Squadrons in France. He was awarded the M.C. and D.F.C., and was mentioned in despatches on three occasions. After graduating at the Royal Air Force Staff College, he was appointed, in 1924, to the Air Ministry for Air Staff duties, and was promoted to Wing Commander in January, 1925. Throughout 1927 he attended a course at the Imperial Defence College. He was at Headquarters, Middle East, from August, 1929, to March, 1932, and was appointed instructor at the Imperial Defence College in July, 1932. He was promoted to Group Captain in January, 1932, and to Air Commodore in July, 1935.

Air Commodore Tyssen was mobilised at the outbreak of war whilst serving in the Territorial Force and seconded while serving in France to the R.F.C. as a Flying Officer in 1915. During the Great War he served with No. 22 Squadron and commanded No. 58 Squadron in France and was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous skill and gallantry. In 1920 he was appointed to command No. 20 Squadron in India. He was promoted to Wing Commander in January, 1923, and in 1934 was posted to No. 1 Group Headquarters. He was appointed Senior Air Force Officer in H.M.S. *Argus* in September, 1928. He commanded the R.A.F. Base at Gosport from April, 1930, to March, 1935, following which he was employed at Fighting Area Headquarters and subsequently at No. 11 (Fighter) Group. He was promoted to Group Captain in 1931 and to Air Commodore in 1935. He was appointed A.O.C. (temporary) of No. 12 (Fighter) Group in April, 1937, and, since November, 1937, he has been employed at H.Q., Iraq.

Air Commodore D. C. S. Evill entered the Royal Navy as a Sub-Lieutenant in May, 1913. Having already obtained his R.A.C. certificate he was appointed to the Royal Naval Air Service as an Acting Flight Lieutenant in 1914. From February, 1915, to June, 1917, he was stationed at Dunkirk and actively engaged on flying duties. He was awarded the D.S.C. and A.F.C. for his services, and was mentioned in despatches in January, 1919. Following his promotion to Wing Commander in January, 1925, he was engaged on instructional duties at the R.A.F. Staff College, and held the appoint-



GEODETIC "TWIN": The production-type Vickers Wellington I (two Pegasus XVII) built, like the Wellesley, on the geodetic principle. Part of the construction can be glimpsed through the Perspex of the bomb-aimer's window.